[MR. K. Krishnan Nayar.]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government incurred any loss on account of such republication; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Visit of the Chief Engineer to work-spots.

260. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer is in the habit of visiting work-spots when works are in progress; and

(*b*) if so, whether he is in the habit of issuing specific instructions to his subordinates on such occasions?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer inspects important works on his own initiative or on the request of the Division Officers concerned. Less important works are inspected, as occasions arise, when the Chief Engineer is on tour.

(*b*) Yes.

Muslim Officers in the Public Works Department.

261. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Muslim Officers in the Public Works Department of the State?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Seven.

Complaint against Mr. Thanuvan Tampi, Head Constable, Eraniel.

262. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any complaint of corruption in the years 1104, 1105 and 1106 and in the first half of 1107 against Mr. Thanuvan Tampi (No. 101), the present (26-3-1932) Head Constable at the Eraniel Police Station;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon;

(*c*) how many months is it since he was appointed Head Constable at Eraniel;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that not less than 85 per cent. of the period of his service under the Government was spent in Tuckalai, Eraniel and Colachel Stations which are within a radius of 3 to 3½ miles;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that he is a money lender; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that he is the owner of a vast extent of landed property in the Kalkulam taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There is no Head Constable in the Trivandrum District having general

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number 101. If Head Constable 201, Thanuvan Tampi, is meant, it may be stated that there had been 3 petitions against him during 1104 1105, 1106 and the first half of 1107.

The first petition was from one Krishna Nadan Arulananda Nadan and the allegations were that the Head Constable took bribes. The petition was forwarded by the Commissioner of Police to the District Superintendent for information and return.

The second petition was anonymous and it stated that the Inspector was a puppet in the hands of the Head Constable. The Head Constable was given a transfer to Vilavankod immediately, but as the then Inspector was transferred from Eraniel soon after, the Head Constable was allowed to be in the Eraniel Station as his services were required there in connection with certain important cases.

The third petition was from one Subrahmanyan Karumpan and the complaint was that the Head Constable received an illegal gratification and was spoiling a case. The petition was pseudonymous and was filed.

(*c*) The Head Constable is not in Eraniel Station now but he is in Tuckalai Station having been transferred from Eraniel in 1107 after a period of 6 years' service there.

(*d*) The Head Constable has put in a service of about 33 years, and during the latter portion of the service, *i. e.*, from 1088 onwards, for about 19 years, he has been in Eraniel, Colachel, Tuckalai, Edalakudi, Cape and Vilavankod, the service in the latter 3 stations being nearly 1½ years. The service in Eraniel, Tuckalai and Colachel was not continuous as service in Vilavankod, Edalakudi and Cape intervened.

(*e*) The Head Constable is not known to be a money lender.

(*f*) The Head Constable holds a mortgage right over 50 cents of land for 2,250 fanams in Kalkulam taluk and another for 4,000 fanams. The Head Constable's wife owns properties worth Rs. 30,000 that came to her share by partition of her *tarwad* properties.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the number of complaints about corruption in the year 1106 alone?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got separate figures for each year.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Head Constable referred to, Thanuvan Tampi, is the leader of a gang of about twenty *chattampies* or K. D.'s. and is thus, with the help of the *chattampies*, knocking out money from the poor people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no such information.

Hindu Nadars in the Forest Department.

263. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a single Hindu Nadar receiving a salary of Rs. 15 or above in the Forest Department?

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